

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 10-22 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-6 stand rejected and Claim 7 and 8 are objected to. Support for any claim amendments or additions can be found throughout the application as originally filed. As such, no new matter has been presented. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

MINOR, NON-NARROWING CLAIM AMENDMENTS

A minor, non-narrowing amendment has been made to Claim 17 to correct a grammatical error.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated a willingness to allow Claims 7 and 8 if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 8. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent Claim 1 and Claims 2-7 dependent therefrom are in a condition for allowance. Claim 8 has been cancelled.

Claim 22 has been added. Claim 22 includes the limitations of dependent Claim 7 and independent Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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